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Letter dated 11 January 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires, a.i., of the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith a note verbale dated 11 January 1993 addressed to you, which contains an official request of the Government of the Islamic State of Afghanistan for emergency assistance from the United Nations for Tajik refugees who have taken refuge in Afghanistan (see annex).

I should be grateful if you have the present letter and the text of the above-mentioned note issued as an official document of the General Assembly under the item entitled "Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions: Questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons".

(Signed) Abdul Rahim GHAFOORZAI
Chargé d'affaires, a.i.

ANNEX

Note verbale dated 11 January 1993 from the Permanent Mission of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the Islamic State of Afghanistan to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, upon instructions from the Government of the Islamic State of Afghanistan, has the honour to state the following:

Owing to the unfortunate developments in the Republic of Tajikistan in recent weeks, there has been an exodus of almost 90,000 citizens of that Republic who have taken refuge in Afghanistan and are presently living under very difficult circumstances.

As you are fully aware, the Islamic State of Afghanistan, as a country that has experienced 14 years of war, is faced with an extremely difficult financial and economic situation. The country is not even in a position to provide basic services to meet the needs of its own population.

The Government of the Islamic State of Afghanistan would hereby like to request the United Nations, as well as specialized agencies within the United Nations system, urgently to provide emergency assistance for the Tajik refugees in the form of basic necessary commodities, that is, foodstuffs, clothes, medicines and shelter.